

## Elijah's Vision – 1 Kings 19

<p><b>1</b> And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. <b>2</b> Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So let the gods do <i>to me</i>, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.” <b>3</b> And when he saw <i>that</i>, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which <i>belongs</i> to Judah, and left his servant there. <b>4</b> But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I <i>am</i> no better than my fathers!”</p>	<p>After 1799 Papacy’s persecuting spirit but no power to persecute</p> <p>Church discouraged that the world is unconverted after the Bible Societies formed and missionary work begun. True church in obscurity.</p>
<p><b>5</b> Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, “Arise <i>and</i> eat.” <b>6</b> Then he looked, and there by his head <i>was</i> a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again.</p>	<p>William Miller - the cleansed sanctuary. C115-118 for truths revealed at that time</p> <p>The sanctuary class “sleeps” after the 1844 disappointment. Matt 25:5</p>
<p><b>7</b> And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, “Arise <i>and</i> eat, because the journey <i>is</i> too great for you.” <b>8</b> So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food <b>forty days</b> and <b>forty nights</b> as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.</p>	<p>Charles Russell – harvest message 1874 to 1914 called out and strengthened brethren able to withstand the 1914 disappointment and subsequent tests</p>
<p><b>9</b> And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD <i>came</i> to him, and He said to him, “<b>What are you doing here, Elijah?</b>”</p>	<p>Church class turns inward, many believe the door was shut. <b>What is the church’s mission after 1914?</b></p>
<p><b>10</b> So he said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”</p>	<p>The disappointed church’s rationale after 1914, focusing on past service instead of present opportunity.</p>
<p><b>11</b> Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, <i>but</i> the LORD <i>was</i> not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, <i>but</i> the LORD <i>was</i> not in the earthquake; <b>12</b> and after the earthquake a fire, <i>but</i> the LORD <i>was</i> not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.</p>	<p>God shows the post 1914 church, the watchers, what was yet to happen to evict the Gentile governments and to usher in the glorious kingdom.</p>
<p><b>13</b> So it was, when Elijah heard <i>it</i>, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice <i>came</i> to him, and said, “<b>What are you doing here, Elijah?</b>”</p>	<p>Church class turns inward and many fail to witness to the truth. <b>What is the church’s mission today?</b></p>
<p><b>14</b> And he said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”</p>	<p>The disappointed church’s rationale after 1914, focusing on past service instead of present opportunity.</p>
<p><b>15</b> ... anoint Hazael <i>as</i> king over Syria. <b>16</b> ... anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi <i>as</i> king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint <i>as</i> prophet in your place. <b>17</b> It shall be <i>that</i> whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill</p>	<p>Post-1914 tasks for the church – message of powerful truths that explain major trends in the earth. Similar to Jeremiah 1:8-9</p>
<p><b>18</b> Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”</p>	<p>“The Lord knows those who are His”</p>